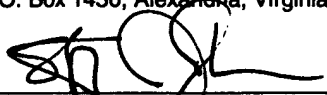


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

**RESPONSE UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a)  
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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 20 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.